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Proclamation congratulating the 2018 graduates of the Allegheny County Fire Volunteer Education, Service & Training Scholarship Program.

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is home to more than 200 volunteer fire companies; and

WHEREAS, in Allegheny County, volunteer firefighters protect over 910,000 people and save the taxpayers of the county an estimated \$60 million dollars a year; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the safety and well-being of our communities, in 2008, the *Allegheny County Fire Volunteer Education, Service & Training Scholarship Program (FireVEST)* was established through a partnership between the Allegheny County Fire Academy and the Community College of Allegheny County (through the CCAC-Allegheny County Workforce Alliance); and

WHEREAS, 200 *FireVEST* scholarships, covering tuition, fees and books, are offered each year - 150 for new recruits in exchange for five years of volunteer service and 50 for existing volunteer firefighters in exchange for an additional five years of service in Allegheny County; and

WHEREAS, *FireVEST* scholarship recipients have majored in programs such as Fire Science Administration, Criminal Justice & Criminology, Business Management, Nursing, and more;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Allegheny County Council Member Robert Palmosina and All Members of Council, do hereby congratulate the following 2018 *FireVEST* graduates: Justin Bachinsky-Marshall Township VFD, Station 185, Christopher Carr - Dormont VFD, Station 130, Justin Fashian-Moon Run VFC, Station 245, Rachmiel Gallman-

Penn Hills VFD #1, Station 221, Kelsey Newman-Gallatin-Sunnyside VFD, Station 154, Sean Ronick-Broughton VFD, Station 270, Nicholas Skalos-Cherry City VFC, Station 260, and William Supan III-Oak Ridge VFD, Station 269. We commend you for your dedication, service and sacrifice, in order to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Allegheny County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 23rd day of October 2018.